## HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:	) Confirmation No. 5724
Daniel DUPRET et al.	) Group Art Unit: 1636
Application No.: 10/713,006	) Examiner: AKHAVAN, Ramin
Filed: November 17, 2003	)

For:

METHOD OF PREPARING POLYNUCLEOTIDE FRAGMENTS FOR USE IN

SHUFFLING, AND SHUFFLING OF SAME

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2005 <u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111</u>

## MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005 (the "Office Action"),

Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply (the "Reply"). This Reply is provided in
the following format:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.